

Milton Planning Board Minutes

July 11, 2022

Roxanne Palmer, Patricia Williams, Valerie Sottile, Tracy Blaine, and Anthony Hearn attended meeting in Town Hall. Danny Cash excused absent. Town Council members John Wallace attended via zoom and Cathia Stewart in Town Hall. Several guests via zoom.

6:01 pm Meeting called to order by Roxanne Palmer.

6:01 pm Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance

6:02 pm Approval of Minutes. Discussion was held in length about the verbiage and conduct of Anthony Hearn in the June 13, 2022, Planning Board meeting. Anthony Hearn interjected into the discussion and read a prepared letter addressed to Planning Board. This letter addressed the language Anthony Hearn used. Of which, Anthony Hearn did state, "I understand that everything said should have come with a little more couth, but I stand by my words." This letter also addresses the unilateral decision-making being done solely by Roxanne Palmer without benefit of board discussions. Of board members being thrown under the bus. Ethical issues on the board, COAs, the "historical" aspect of the Town of Milton, about the guidelines of who is allowed to serve on boards, and the call for Anthony Hearn's resignation through the Town Council without the benefit of discussion within the Planning Board first. In conclusion, Anthony Hearn stated that the letter he just read was his resignation from the Planning Board.

6:10 pm Roxanne Palmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes as they stand. Valerie Sottile made the motion to vote to approve the minutes as stands. Roxanne Palmer seconded the motion commenting that she (Roxanne Palmer) cannot approve the minutes as they stand. Tracy Blaine voted Aye. Roxanne Palmer and Valerie Sottile voted Nay. Patricia Williams non-voting member. Danny Cash and Anthony Hearn Absent.

Public Comments and/or Applications.

6:45 pm Public comments were blended with a lengthy discussion of the June 13, 2022, minutes, about Anthony Hearn comments, and actions of board members. Town Council members; The League of Municipalities attorney asked Cathia Stewart and John Wallace to attend Planning Board meeting. Neither had heard discussion about Anthony Hearn statement.

Resident Cyndi Royster questioned about quorum and whether it was a Town Council meeting as there were as many Town Council members at the Planning Board as there were actual Planning Board members. Patricia Williams answered that the Town Council members were asked to attend the meeting per League of Municipalities attorney. It was a Planning Board meeting not a Town Council meeting.

Resident Samantha McCraw asked about how the vacant positions would be announced to the town residents. Discussion was held among board members and a notice will be sent to the residents along with the water bill for August for selection to be made in September for the position.

Resident Maribeth Howe asked about how people get on the Planning Board or Town Council. Patricia Williams explained about Planning Board members being volunteers and Town Council are voted in every four years with the next election being 2023. Maribeth Howe also asked about who is spoken too about water concerns. Patricia Williams stated that the financial officer on a Tuesday first then to the Town Council. Discussion was held about the water process and shut offs.

Discussion was held on what to be discussed at Town Hall meeting in regard to Anthony Hearn's resignation. Valerie Sottile will bring forward to the Town Council stating that Anthony Hearn has resigned.

6:58 Roxanne Palmer made the motion to accept the minutes of June 13, 2022, with the addition of "Anthony Hearn made racist and religious slur comments during an open and public meeting. Anthony Hearn acted in an unprofessional manner unbecoming of a board member." Valerie Sottile seconded. Roxanne and Valerie Sottile voted aye. Tracy Blaine nay. Danny Cash and Anthony Hearn absent.

7:06 pm Discussion was held on COAs received for 116 Broad Street and for 148 Bridge Street. 116 Broad Street, Tap and Dye building, is a non-contributing property to the listed historic properties in Milton. The changes to the property are to make it more historically based. Brick painted a blue/grey or pale yellow. Fencing being changed to possibly a line of Leyland Cypress or cinderblock or combination of the two. This COA will be tabled till August 8, 2022, Planning Board meeting with paint samples being requested with pictures of the proposed foliage. Vote for COA approval/disapproval will be held August 8, 2022, meeting providing samples are provided.

148 Bridge Street, Gordon House, a contributing property to the listed historic properties in Milton, COA is divided into three phases. Phase 1 being foundation stabilization and roof repair. Phase 2 restoring utilities in the owners' apartment for rest of restoration. Phase 3 is the final rehabilitation. Phase 3 is still being designed as the new owner searches for an architect and gathers information for original look. There was discussion on the COA application. Valerie Sottile motioned to approve phases 1 and 2. Phase 3 will be revisited again once the architectural drawings are received. Roxanne Palmer seconded. All were in favor. No nays. Danny Cash and Anthony Hearn absent.

Old Business.

7:25 pm Update on the Milton Post Office. Grand Opening is expected to be July 23, 2022.

7:26 pm Food Trucks. Discussion was held on Food Trucks. Items considered were churches being private property; residential vs. commercial; what zoning to be used for food trucks. Was discussed that the new Food Truck Policy would pertain to area within Milton Corporate Limits. The cost for Food Truck Permits would be \$25.00 for a max of three days. Regardless of all three days are used or not. Example is 1 day is still \$25.00 or 2 days or all 3 days. \$25.00 paid in either cash or check made out to the Town of Milton. Food Truck Permit Application and a copy

of the State License and Health Inspection to be included with the application and the State License and Health Inspection visible on the Food Truck.

Roxanne Palmer made the motion that Tracy Blaine make the changes to the Quick Reference, the Application, and Policy to be reviewed and voted on during August 8, 2022, Planning Board Meeting. All ayes. No nays. Danny Cash and Anthony Hearn absent from the vote.

7:57 pm Update from town Attorney, Mr. Thomas, about the ETJ and how it affects Milton. Question was posed from a resident about a new RV Park being developed on Hwy 62 towards Yanceyville, past the ETJ area. Discussion was held about the RV Park. Milton already has an ordinance in place regarding RV Parks and Campgrounds. As this new RV Park is outside of all of Milton's jurisdiction, the RV Park falls under the ruling of the County and State requirements.

A letter to be drafted to alert those in the ETJ area of their protection by Milton against arbitrary development of RV Parks and Campgrounds. Roxanne Palmer made the motion to alert residents of the ETJ they have this protection. Valerie Sottile seconded. All ayes, no nays. Danny Cash and Anthony Hearn absent from vote.

8:19 pm Tracy Blaine gave an update on the Town Ordinances being updated to be N.C.G.S. 160D compliant. Valerie Sottile motioned to accept ordinance changes as presented. Roxanne Palmer seconded the motion. All ayes, no nays. Danny Cash and Anthony Hearn absent from vote.

New Business.

8:30 pm No New Business

8:31 pm Valerie Sottile motioned to adjourn the meeting; Patricia Williams seconded.

Meeting ended 8:31 pm, July 11, 2022.

Next meeting scheduled for August 8, 2022, at 6 pm. at Town Hall.

Mask mandate has been lifted. Masks are personal preference. Seating as permitted by fire regulations.